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SUBJECT STATUS OF ALFREDO BRAVO DETENTION

REF: A HARRIS MRS BRAVO MEMCON OF FEB 21, 1978
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1. BRAVOS WIFE TOLD LABATT APRIL 10
SHE THOUGH THERE WAS A SOMEWHAT BETTER
MOOD IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN FAVOR
OF RELEASING HER HUSBAND. UNDER SECRETARY
GENERAL YOFRE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY
TOLD LABATT, HOWEVER, (PROTECT) THAT WHILE
THERE WAS NO REASON TO CONTINUE DETAINING
BRAVO, THE GOA WAS AFRAID TO RELEASE HIM
OUT OF FEAR FOR HIS SECURITY AT THE HANDS
OF HARDLINING SECURITY ELEMENTS WHICH ARE
"NOT UNDER CONTROL."

2. AS REPORTED IN REF MEMCON (A), BRAVO
REFUSED A PORPOSITION BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR
HARGUINDEGUY IN JANUARY TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT OF OPTION
TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY INLIEU OF CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT
BECAUSE HE SAW NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD BE FORCED INTO
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EXILE ABROAD. IN VIEW OF THIS BACKGROUND, LABATT SOUNDED
OUT YOFRE WHETHER GOA WOULD PERMIT BRAVO TO LEAVE COUNTRY

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VOLUNTARILY FOR A FEW MONTHS TOUR ABROAD AND THEN RETURN HOME AS A FREE MAN. MRS BRAVO ALSO SOUNDED OUT SEPARATELY WHETHER THIS IDEA WOULD BE APPEALING TO HER HUSBAND. MRS BRAVO SAID SHE WOULD CONSULT HER HUSBAND WHEN SHE VISITS HIM THURSDAY AND REPORT BACK. YOFRE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER IF IT APPEARED BRAVO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING INVITATION FOR BRAVO TO COME TO US SHOULD ABOVE PROPOSAL PROVE VIABLE. PERHAPS DEPT COULD EXPLORE WITH AFL-CIO, AIFLD, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, UNIVERSITIES OR OTHER SUITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVITATION AND STIPEND TO PERMIT BRAVO AND WIFE TO SPEND SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE US.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENTS PRELIMINARY VIEW OF THE PROSPECTS BEFORE WE PROCEED FURTHER.
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